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LVMPD Cancels Community Events and Implements New Officer Protocols in Response to COVID-19

The pace for patrol officers has remain unchanged as they continue to respond to calls for service in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department has reinforced hygiene protocols to ensure their safety as well as that of the community.

LVMPD Sheriff Joe Lombardo has canceled all non-essential community events that are not critical to operations until further notice. That includes First Tuesday meetings, commendations ceremonies and several community outreach events planned by area command Community Oriented Policing units.

Officer memorial events that were set to take place during Police Memorial Month in May have been canceled by outside committees. The Nevada Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Commission canceled its April 29 memorial run and the May 7 memorial service in Carson City. The Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Foundation has canceled its May 21 memorial event.

Sheriff Lombardo also directed staff to postpone all work-related department travel, and asked employees to do their part by self-sanitizing their workspace every day and practice common preventative measures to avoid getting sick.

Patrol officers are directed to maintain distance when they can and wear disposable gloves when making arrests. In addition, all gear and patrol vehicles are to be disinfected regularly.

Inside Clark County Detention Center, cleaning crews are doubling their efforts, and corrections officers are practicing proper hygiene upon entering the jail.

The LVMPD has already reached out to the public to encourage them to use online services to file certain police reports and get access to records whenever possible.

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